

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the single claim under the Ideker reference, and Applicant agrees that Ideker teaches multiple site pacing, which is the general objective of Applicant's invention. However, it is important to note that the Ideker reference does not show locating a pacing lead within an intact pericardium. The Ideker reference utilizes large area electrodes placed on the epicardial surface of the heart. This is typically done either on the outside of the pericardial sack or in most instances, the pericardial sack itself is removed and the electrodes are placed directly on the heart. Unfortunately, the Ideker reference does not say this explicitly in its specification, however, the drawings imply this and it is a common practice in the industry.

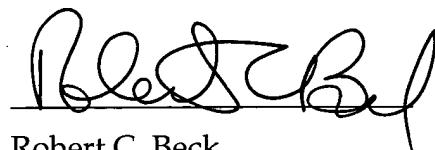
The claim has been amended to require that the pericardial sack be maintained intact and the claim has been clarified to show that the electrode lies between the epicardial surface of the heart and the pericardium.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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